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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Dale K. Bell  
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Examiner: Julie Knecht Smith  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2002 (paper no. 5).  
Please amend the application as follows: